ENT Faculty Retreat

On Friday, August 17, 2018. ENT Faculty met in the morning for strategic planning, goal setting, and faculty development. In the afternoon, faculty enjoyed lunch, laser tag, and arcade games at Main Event in Olathe, KS. Below Left: Nancy Davis, PhD, presents on Feedback, Coaching, and Mentoring. Below Right: Dr. James Garnett and Facial Plastic Fellow Sunthosh Sivam, MD, listen to the discussion about resident involvement. Bottom: Drs. Larsen, Sale, and Chiu practice their racing skills.
Joel Waxman, MD

Dr. Waxman joined the KU ENT faculty as an assistant professor in 2017. His professional interests include general otolaryngology, otology, and allergy treatment.

I started doing pottery during medical school. I needed a break from studies and a class was offered through the UMKC Communiversity nearby. I quickly fell in love with the whole aspect of starting with basically a hunk of mud and making something useful or artistic out of it. I hadn’t taken any other art classes through my education and doing something three dimensional with my hands was a good fit. There was a hiatus during residency and early practice years when time for me was limited. In Springfield, I eventually took classes at the art museum and then later, a couple of the instructors opened their own studio where I continued to learn. Since moving back to this area 9 years ago, I have been a member of the KC clay guild in the Waldo area. My Thursday evenings are reserved for my pottery time.

Pottery has a Zen quality to it. When I focus on what I am working on, the rest of the world, office, family, etc. are put on hold. Other people have golf, tennis or jogging as their diversion. At the end of the day, I get to go home with something creative.

Throughout the years I have had several instructors. Each have given me different techniques and inspiration. I have done everything from coil and pinch pots to Raku and pit fires. Sometimes when going to shows or museums, or looking in pottery journals (yes, there are such things) I will see something that is interesting enough to inspire me to try to make something similar. I like experimenting with new forms and glazes. Lately I have been working on textured vessels. Often there is a special occasion, like a wedding, where I will make a personal gift. I rarely sell pieces. Sometimes I will work on consignment. Mostly, I enjoy giving my work away. For many years I have donated to worthy causes that either sell the pieces or raffle them off.

For me, pottery allows a creative outlet. I have learned patience in that not everything will turn out as planned. There are many steps where something can go wrong before the finished piece is home on the shelf. Since I work generally one day a week, it will take over a month to complete the process.

If someone is looking for a new diversion, let me know.

Interested in owning a piece of Dr. Waxman’s art? The department will be hosting a raffle and silent auction featuring some of Dr. Waxman’s pieces, with proceeds benefitting the department’s Medical Mission Fund. More details will be outlined in the next Alumni Newsletter.
Carrie Francis, MD

What is your role in the ENT Department? At the University?

I am an Associate Professor in the Division of Pediatric Otolaryngology. I also serve as the Medical Student Clerkship Director for the department, where I execute the third year surgery clerkship for ENT and the curriculum for the fourth year internship.

I serve as an Assistant Dean in the Office of Student Affairs. My formal job responsibilities are to help students acclimate to medical school through early socialization and provide a structure for student advising and wellness. I am also responsible for the development of professionalism (attitudes and behavior) among student and faculty in the ACE Curriculum.

I like to say that I am helping students retain who they are in during medical school. I want to see them graduate as better versions of themselves—with a medical degree.

What made you decide to join the faculty at KU?

I am from St. Louis originally, though I claim New Orleans just as often. I left St. Louis for New Orleans and have always felt like it was a second home. I attended a Historically Black College and University, Xavier University of Louisiana before returning to St. Louis for medical school at Saint Louis University School of Medicine. I traveled back down south for residency at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and west for a fellowship in Pediatric Otolaryngology at the University of California at San Diego. California living is NOT for me so, when it came time to look for faculty positions I started my search in the Midwest. The KU department, led by now-Chancellor, Doug Girod, MD, and former faculty member Julie Wei, MD, recruited me. I remember Chancellor Girod saying that he didn’t have a hole in his department that I needed to fill. He wanted to help me create my own space. He sealed the deal! Those are words I’ve never forgotten and they are what keeps me committed to KU.

What’s the best part of the department? The most challenging?

The best part of the department is the team of people with whom I work every day. The more I learn about my co-workers, the more I learn about myself. It is challenging to keep track of all the students that rotate through the department. I’m proud that we have created a safe and engaging environment that draws students in. Over the years, more and more students have been exposed to and expressed an interest in our field.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

My biggest passion in life is travel. Travel is freedom. No matter where I am or when I struggle in my everyday life, I can look back on where I’ve been and where I have yet to go. I am reminded of the beauty of the world and it brings great perspective into my daily activities and emotions. I love to travel big and small. There is always something new to experience. This year I have been to New Orleans, Detroit, Chicago (#Beyhive) Chile, and Iceland. My next trips are Peru, Dallas, and Washington, DC. I may do a quick trip to Mexico City around the holidays. My favorite trip over the last few years has been to Cuba. Traveling to Cuba was like tasting a forbidden fruit. There is a rich history there that I am learning more about.

I have a close family and I really don’t distinguish between the family I chose (friends) and the family I was born with. I spend a lot of time with the people who keep me grounded, support me and encourage me to seek new horizons. I love to cook and entertain so my house is always filled with laughter. Best kept secret: I’m an awesome DJ!

What’s the best or funniest or most inspirational thing you’ve ever seen at work?

The most inspirational moments that I have had at work are also the most humbling moments that I have experienced. I am re-learning Spanish and often I will use Spanish in clinic with the help of our wonderful CMH interpreters. Recently, at the end of a clinic encounter, a patient’s parents thanked me profusely, shook my hand and gave me a hug. They told me that it meant everything to them that I was learning their language. The mother specifically said that not everyone they encounter really ‘sees’ them through an interpreter. It was a powerful moment that reminded me of the KUMC oath of Commitment we teach our students. “I will strive to preserve the dignity, the humanity...of all my patients and through my openness and kindness I will seek to earn their trust in turn.”
Recent Publications

**Feasibility of microRNA profiling in human inner ear perilymph**
M Shew, A Warnecke, T Lenarz, H Schmitt, S Gunewardena, H Staecker
*NeuroReport* 29 (11), 894-901

**Tinnitus perception in patients after vagal nerve stimulator implantation for epilepsy**
H Wichova, SA Alvi, M Shew, J Lin, K Sale, C Larsen, H Staecker
*American journal of otolaryngology*

**Microenvironmental support for cell delivery to the inner ear**
J Schulze, S Sasse, N Prenzler, H Staecker, AJ Mellott, A Römer, ...
*Hearing Research*

**Hypertrophic Pachymeningitis of the Internal Auditory Canal: A Rare Case of Unilateral Sudden Sensorineural Hearing Loss**
T Muelleman, H Kavookjian, J Lin, H Staecker
*Annals of Otology, Rhinology & Laryngology*, 0003489418784051

**Petrosal Apex Pneumatization: Influence on Postoperative Cerebellopontine Angle Tumor Cerebrospinal Fluid Fistula**
M Shew, T Muelleman, M Harris, M Li, K Sykes, H Staecker, OF Adunka, ...
*Annals of Otology, Rhinology & Laryngology*, 0003489418781934

**Incidence and Risk Factors for Sigmoid Venous Thrombosis Following Cpa Tumor Resection**
M Shew, H Kavookjian, K Dahlstrom, T Muelleman, J Lin, P Camarata, ...
*Otology & Neurotology* 39 (5), e376-e380

**Alginate Ototoxicity in the Mouse Model**
SA Alvi, J Nelson-Brantley, H Staecker
*Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery*, 0194599818775951

**Analysis of the human perilymph proteome with focus on the presence of BDNF-regulated proteins**
H Schmitt, A Warnecke, I De Vries, T Lenarz, S Alvi, N Prenzler, M Durisin, ...
*Laryngo-Rhino-Otologie* 97 (S 02), 10581

**KU KUDOS**

Dr. Hinrich Staecker, MD, PhD, gave a keynote speech at CI2018, the 15th International Conference on Cochlear Implants and Other Implantable Auditory Technology. The conference was held June 27-30 in Antwerp, Belgium. Dr. Staecker’s presentation was titled *Gene Delivery to the Inner Ear: hair Cell Regeneration and Cochlear Implantation.*
Justin Bond, MD

Dr. Bond is supporting clinical outreach efforts to our affiliate locations. Dr. Bond was a resident in our department from 2009-2014 and completed a Fellowship in Head & Neck Surgical Oncology and Microvascular Reconstruction at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. He was Chief of the Otolaryngology Section at the VA in Kansas City from 2014-2017.

Early in his career, Dr. Bond worked at Stormont-Vail Regional Medical Center and Topeka Ear, Nose and Throat. Dr. Bond holds a BA in Human Biology and an MD from The University of Kansas.

David Rouse, MD

Dr. Rouse is representing KU ENT at the health system’s Indian Creek expansion in south Johnson County, KS. Dr. Rouse attended the University of Missouri, Columbia, where he received his Bachelor’s degree with honors. His medical degree was earned at the University of Missouri, Columbia in 2000. Dr. Rouse was a surgical intern at the University of Missouri, Kansas City, and completed his residency at the University of Kansas Medical Center in 2005. He is currently a member of the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, the Triologic Society and the American Medical Association. Dr. Rouse is Board Certified and is a Diplomate of The American Board of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery & The American Board of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

ENT Student Interest Group

Get Involved with ENTSIG:

Alumni and local ENT practitioners are invited to attend a meeting, host an event, or present a session. For more information about the ENTSIG group or to get involved, contact current co-presidents Kai Simmons (jsimmons9@kumc.edu) or Jennifer Li (jli@kumc.edu).

Dr. Alexander Chiu addresses the ENT Student Interest Group at their first meeting of the academic year on August 23, 2018.
ENT Grand Rounds

A monthly event showcasing new techniques and therapies, recent research findings, and exploration of clinical and scientific issues. ENT Grand Rounds is held in the Sudler Conference Room at the main KUMC campus. Dinner is provided, and continuing education credits are available. For more information about upcoming sessions, contact tquaethem@kumc.edu.

September 17, 2018
Kevin Sykes, PhD
The University of Kansas Medical Center
Director of Clinical Research

October 22, 2018
David Brown, MD
Michigan University Medicine
Diversity Opportunities in Otolaryngology

November 26, 2018
Marlan Hansen, MD
University of Iowa
Cochlear Implants:
Current and Future Directions

Eaton Hall Lecture Series

Developing an Academic Medical Center Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategic Plan

October 23, 2018 at noon in the Ad Astra Room of the Health Education Building (5th floor) on the KU Med campus

Lunch will be provided; sponsored by the KU School of Medicine and Department of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery.

The Eaton Hall Lecture Series is a new, university-wide lectureship focused on diversity in medicine. Each lecture will be co-sponsored by the SOM and a KUMC clinical department.

Eaton Hall gets its name from Eaton Street which used to be the east boundary of the main KU Med campus, but its history is more complicated. Eaton Hall was constructed as a segregated patient-care building that was routinely called the “Negro Ward” and “Negro Pavilion”. Originally, “Colored Ward” was chiseled in concrete above the main entrance and on a bronze plate inside the building. After the building was renamed to Eaton Hall, it took more than 15 years for the Eaton name to be formally used in official correspondence.

In 1952, Eaton Hall became the first desegregated patient ward on campus when it happened to be the only building with large enough spaces to house the iron lungs for all polio patients. The choice of title for the lecture series is a way to spark conversations about health equity and inclusion within the healthcare system and community we serve. We want to change the conversation about diversity and inclusivity in our personal and professional lives.
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